



Sunday, 24th July, 2022 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Priest: Rev Fr Ian McGinnity
Deacon: John Collins
Parish Secretary: Frances Gallagher
Parish Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 9am - 3pm

School Principal: Tony Hughes
School Phone: 8846 2700
School Web Site: www.ctknorthrocks.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms: Every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:15am
Weddings: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9:30am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **Suspended until further notice**
Rosary: **Suspended until further notice**
Children's Liturgy: The 1st & 3rd Sundays during 10am Mass (excluding school holidays)
Good Neighbours Group: Mary MacKillop Hall every 2nd Thursday at 10am- **Suspended until further notice**

PARISH SERVICES

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8.00am
Sunday 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9:15am
Saturday 9.00am

Parish Address:

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The next conferral to be confirmed.

IN YOUR MERCY, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED

THE SICK: Ingrid Wulf, Warren Johnson, Natalie De Maria, Peter Reiter, Eric Vaughan, Margaret McCaffrey, Jenny Commissio Smith, Mimi Jayatilaka, Sandra Neill, Helene Graham, Abraham Concepcion, Patrick Wheeler, Margaret Martin, Sonia Merchant, Jui-May Lee, Oliver Ofiana, Bev McAppion, Pat McAppion, Delia Hipolito, Edna Esmero, Ace Sortisas, Tina Coorey.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Charles Bonney (Father of Mark Bonney. Funeral Saturday 23rd July, 2:30pm at CTK), Betty Waddell (Funeral Thur 4th Aug, 2pm at CTK), Clare Gleeson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Lum, William Floyd.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutarianess of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.



FATHER IAN AWAY

Father Ian will be taking holidays from 28 July to 20 August. This will be the first leave he has been able to have for three years. During his absence Monsignor John Boyle, Fr Chris Dixon, Fr Paul Hanna and Fr Bob Anderson will be assisting on weekends. Communion services will be conducted at the normal Mass times Wednesday to Friday. If you require a priest urgently, please contact the parish office or neighbouring parishes.

MISSION STATEMENT

Centred on the Gospel of Jesus, Christ the King Church is a warm, welcoming community of faith. We continue to strive to be open and to embrace diversity, as we love and grow in relationship to God and in service to one another.

This Week's Readings: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Next Week's Readings: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Lectors and Parishioners please note that the full text can be found on the website: www.universalis.com

TO OUR MINISTERS OF THE PARISH

Should you be rostered and feel you are not ready to return to Mass, please email the parish office: northrocks@parracatholic.org or ph 9871 8710 or indicate on the roster through Ministry Scheduling, that a volunteer is required. A replacement can then be organised on your behalf.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in these important ministries.

23rd & 24th July - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Darren Mobbs	Lance Parker	Zeina Chacty Inge Wienker	Veronica Chacty	Maria Bietola
Sunday 8am	John Murphy	Jim Kinsella	Bev Johnson Tony Hughes	Jo-Anne Castaneda	John Lacey
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Peter Hrast	Anne Gately Jennie Mater	Dominic Choi	Leila Safy

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Jim Kinsella, Lorraine Murphy, John Lacey

COUNTER GROUP: Counting is on the 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 8: Barbara Haddad

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 3: Clarry Barbera, Chris & Beverley Poole, Ken Coorey

30th & 31st July - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Welcomer	Acolyte	Reader	Computer Operator	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5.30pm	Julie Hook	Keith Henson	Sue Veling Gabby Scanlon	Volunteer needed	Gillian Mobbs
Sunday 8am	Chris Brown	Peter Bosci	Julie Elliott Tony Hughes	Trish Yates	Veronica Raic
Sunday 10am	Rosanne Vaughan	Aubon Fernando	Sam Safy Danielle Dona	Levi Brown	Jecy Vaz

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Christine Kinsella, Rosemary Wickham, Peter Bosci

COUNTER GROUP: Counting is on the 1st Sunday of the month

ALTAR SOCIETY GROUP 9: Leni Adam

PIETY GROUP: Volunteer please

CHURCH CLEANING GROUP 4: Louis Kastoun, Paul Cook, Brian Euhus

MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred in our parish on Wednesday, 21st September commencing at 7:30pm. In accord with Parramatta Diocesan policy we will conduct a parish-based, family centred, school supported method of preparation for the children to receive this sacrament.

A pre-requisite of children being confirmed is that they have already received First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised in Eastern Rite (Uniate Churches, e.g. Maronite, Melchite, Ukrainian, Chaldean etc.) may have already been confirmed at Baptism and do not need to participate in this programme if this is the case.

Children in **Year Five and above** are eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

The program for preparation will commence with an information meeting for parents/guardians this **Wednesday, 27th July commencing at 7:30pm in the Church**, where the program will be explained and any questions answered.

This is a significant step in your child's journey of faith. It is vital that parents/guardians attend this meeting.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2022

The North Rocks Conference of St Vincent de Paul will be holding its annual Winter Appeal after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, Saturday, 30th July and Sunday, 31st July. This money is used to provide food vouchers, clothing, furniture and help with bills to the very needy in our community. Your kind donations will be greatly appreciated.



PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE

To commemorate and celebrate (belatedly due to Covid) the fifty years of our parish existence (the parish was instituted on 3 February 1970 and Father Eric Burton appointed the first parish priest) the parish will celebrate the Eucharist, presided over by Bishop Vincent, on Saturday, 19 November at 5:30pm (the feast of Christ the King). After the Mass supper will be shared in the parish hall.

The committee would like to particularly invite former parishioners who may have moved from the parish, to attend this celebration so please, via the community grapevine, let them know. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to know whether you can be in attendance so please notify the parish office via email if you are definitely attending.

All are welcome to celebrate this significant milestone in the life of our community. More details will follow.

SUGGESTION BOX

To help our Parish Council to continue to serve our community, we would like to invite you to place any suggestions you might have into the Parish Communication Box at the back of the church (to the left of the main entrance). Suggestions might include ideas about building our community, youth initiatives, ways to help serve parishioners, social justice ideas and anything you can do to help the parish. All suggestions will be looked at and considered although may not be achievable immediately. Please include your name and number so that we can contact you should we need to.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS

A series of presentations, seminars, workshops, discussions and stories designed to invite adults (young and old) to grow and develop in their faith. Each session begins at 7:00pm and finishes at 8:30pm and is held in the CTK Parish Hall or Church. Sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions, share thoughts and ideas and learn new stuff. The aim of the sessions is to further develop a community of mature inquisitive Catholics at Christ the King. Everyone 16 and over is welcome to participate.

Sunday Night Sessions are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month from February to November. A Gold Coin Donation to assist with the cost of coffee, tea and biscuits is welcome. The August 14th session is on *Laudato Si': Care for the Earth, Care for the Poor* and is to be presented by Sue Martin from EcoJesuit. Details to follow.

For more information or if you want to assist with organizing these sessions, contact Deacon John through the parish office or via email john.collins@parracatholic.org.

PIETY STORE HELPERS NEEDED.

Please contact the parish office if you are able to help out, on a roster basis, with opening the Piety Store after the weekend Mass that you attend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2022

On 21st of September we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 5 and above).

On 13th and 14th of December we will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Year 3 and above).

SAFEGUARDING AT CHRIST THE KING

The Parish of Christ the King is committed to being a community of safeguarding. This means we have zero tolerance of abuse in any form. As a parish community we promise to do everything we can so no child or other person in our care is harmed. Everyone who works or acts for the parish needs to do training to understand and recognize Safeguarding Standards as an integral part of their understanding of what it means to be engaged in the life of the parish. All Staff and Volunteers of the parish of Christ the King who work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our community. Included in this group are the Parish Priest, the Deacon, Catechists, Senior Servers, those who provide Hospitality and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

The training is done in a variety of ways, face to face or online, is free and consists of the following three units.

- * Understanding Safeguarding and the Child Safe Standards
- * Legal Compliance and Safeguarding: Risk of Significant Harm & Reportable Conduct
- * Working with Adults at Risk and Understanding Boundaries

For more information contact Deacon John: john.collins@parracatholic.org or <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/>.

ARE YOU UP FOR FUN, FITNESS, AND FELLOWSHIP?

Get #Active4Vocations in the City2Surf, Sunday 14 August. Join the Parramatta Catholic Foundation #Active4Vocations team. Walk, stroll, jog, or run with our Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests and community. Keen to participate in a parish team? Visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations or scan this QR code to register or donate. Funds raised support our Diocese's seminarians to become priests.



ADULT CONFIRMATION: 1 SEPTEMBER

Adult Confirmation will be held on 1st September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on Saturday 20th August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

TAP TO GIVE

Our Parish has a Tap to Give device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

Our Tap to Give device, located in the Church Foyer, enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Our Tap to Give device has been pre-set with a gift amount of \$10.

CREDIT CARD AND DIRECT DEBIT CHANGES

Please inform the Parish Office on 9871 8710 or send an email to northrocks@parracatholic.org of any changes to your credit card number/expiry date or direct debit account.

Parishioners who wish to make a donation to the parish, can access the facility on the front page of the Parish website by clicking "Donate Now" on the top right-hand side of the page or donating directly to <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/ChristTheKingParishNorthRocks> via Credit Card. Should you wish to make a donation via direct debit, please use the following details:

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000479

Account Name: North Rocks Catholic Church

FIRST COLLECTION:

If you would like to contribute towards the support of the priests, please use the following details:

BSB 067-950

Account No. 00004265

Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

Reference Number: 6027

Thank you to everyone in the continual support of the parish and the clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta.

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have changed your email address or now have an email address, could you please notify the Parish Office northrocks@parracatholic.org as soon as possible. Thank you.

BEQUESTS (Please contact the Parish Office for further information)

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships and support. A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime. In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other parish property. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.